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Madeline O'Hare at it again . . .

Madeline Murray O'Hare is at it again. Several years ago she succeeded in making it illegal to read the Bible or pray in public schools. Now she has obtained 27,000 signed letters protesting the decision of the Astronauts to read the Bible as a Christmas Message to the World from their spacecraft while orbiting the moon in December 1968.

She plans to present the letters to NASA in May 1975 with the demand that the Astronauts be publicly censured for their act and a further demand to prohibit any further demonstrations of religion by public leaders. If this goes through, it can stop the mention of God and prayer on TV and radio.

You can stop her this time. An effort is being made now to secure one million signed letters commending the Astronauts for their Faith in God and the Bible publicly This would defeat Mrs. O'Hare and show that there are still many Christians alive and well in America. Mrs. O'Hare will succeed if we do nothing.

We can stop her if you will do your part. She is doing this now because the U. S. and Russia are planning a joint space venture and if her plans succeed, she would obtain world-wide attention.

Write your letter now and mail it to the following:

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Clean your air-conditioning filters at least once a month, and replace them when they're worn out.

Daniel Speaker At 'Ye Olde Patriots Day

RUSTBURG, July 4 - Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel said here today that America's Bicentennial is "a testimony to the faith of the Founding Fathers that the Republic would survive."

Speaking at the Campbell County "Ye Olde Patriots Day" celebration, the Congressman said "It is a credit to these men that they seemed to be more concerned for future generations than their own.

"It is a disredit to ourselves that we live in a time when we seem to care so little for the burden we are leaving for those who will come after us."

Daniel praised the Bicentennial as a means of "rekindling the fires of patriotism" and asserted that the historical emphasis will provide strength and purpose for the years ahead.

The Congressman recounted events which led up to the Revolutionary War and the Declaration of Independence and said that in the Bicentennial year "we shall relive many of the events which brought our nation into being."

He pointed out that the history records that the patriots who won independence and then molded the new government were helped along the way by a "high sense of motivation" and a stubborn attitude on the part of the mother country.

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The Pastor Speaks

Charles Spurgeon, a noted English clergyman, noticed that the weather vane on the roof of a farm building bore the phrase "God is love," and was troubled. "Do you think God's love is as changeable as that weather vane?" he asked the farmer. "You miss the point, sir," replied the farmer. "It's on the weather vane because no matter which way the wind is blowing, God is still love."

The Bible is God's love-letter to man. It reveals the wonderful love of God found in Jesus Christ, the unique Son of God. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. When we were "lost" without Christ, His Spirit pleaded with us to accept Christ as Savior. When we are "saved," His Spirit beckons and pleads with us to make Christ Lord of our lives. Throughout life's pilgrimage He is there in love and concern for each one of us. When life gets "rough" He heals and comforts. During the joyful moments He is there to celebrate them with us. His loving presence is the most comforting fact I know. My prayer is that you know Jesus as your Savior and Lord, and are experiencing His Divine love. Romans 8:35-39 says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Rev. H. Doyle Chauncey
Pastor, Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For July 13, 1975

Topic: The Goal of Christian Growth
Scripture: Ephesians 4; Philippians 3; 1 John 3:1-3

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. Ephesians 4:15.

Although growth is the natural order, it is not purposeless. The infant grows through childhood into manhood and womanhood to reach the maturity in which he may develop to his full potential and to lead a useful life. Specific purposes differ with individuals. Growth has goals, as has been evident in the two International Sunday School lessons studied thus far in the series on growth.

The goal of spiritual growth is for the believer to become like Christ. If we see as the purpose of spiritual growth the development of the believer into a life of useful service, we can appreciate the diversity of gifts and talents among individuals. The promotion of the Kingdom of God and the building up of the Christian Church require a variety of activities which call for the involvement of people with different abilities. In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul lists various types of workers whose efforts are useful in carrying on Christian work:

"And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets (in the sense of spokesmen for God), some evangelists, some pastors and teachers . . ."

All these have a part in contributing to the growth of believers. Although growth is the natural order, no one grows without help from others. Even physical growth, initially, requires the help of others, for the parents first feed and later continue to provide the food essential to growth until the child reaches the maturity at which he can provide for himself. Mental and intellectual growth needs the stimulus and guidance from contact with other minds.

Spiritual growth requires help from others. In homes of believers, the child first learns of God from his parents. Their efforts are supplemented by those of pastors and teachers, as they contribute to the child's growth in grace and spiritual knowledge. Some are brought to an effectual knowledge of God through the work of evangelists. Some come to an effectual knowledge of God through their own initiative, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in which the Scriptures and other devotional books provide assistance. (Southside Virginia affords two notable examples of the last mentioned means: A major source of Presbyterianism originated in the devotional reading of Samuel Morris and a few other men in Hanover County; Briery and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches were among the fruits of the work so begun. Baptist churches throughout the area trace their history to the religious reading of Samuel Thomson of Amelia County, and the revival which resulted from it.)

The various workers in Paul's listing and others labor, to continue the quotation from Ephesians, "for the equipment (training) of the saints (Paul's term for those who are called out of the world into commitment to God), for the work of ministry (or Christian service), for building up the body of Christ (His Church), until we all (believers) attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." This is perhaps the most beautiful, the most eloquent, and the clearest statement of the goal of Christian growth, though the next sentence expresses the objective of Christian growth in another analogy, that of the various parts of the body growing into the head. Christ is the head of His Body, the Church.

Still another concept of the goal of Christian growth is found in the Letter to the Philippians:

"that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."

Paul reminds his readers that Christian growth involves suffering and the sharing of Christian martyrdom, imitating the pattern of Christ's crucifixion and following Him. This type of growth in Christian maturity leads to glory and triumphant exaltation from the dead, which the believer, whose eternal life with God in Christ (Based on copyrighted lines produced by the Committee on the Uniform Series, used by permission.)

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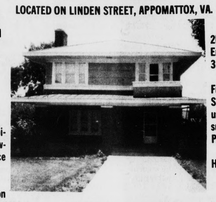

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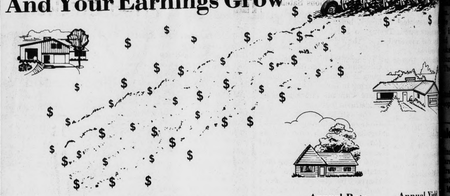

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BALDWIN AND WADE BALDWIN, left to right display a string of bass they caught in the James River near Week. The Baldwins, from Pamplin, were using worms and really came away with quite a catch.

NEW APPOMATTOX USED BOOK STORE

Mrs. E. Kinzie is shown above in APPOMATTOX BOOK STORE, located in the old J. A. Burke Insurance on Main Street.

The store opened in Appomattox on May 1, 1975. It is open through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Kinzie of Bethesda, Md., live on Route 2, Appomattox. Mr. Kinzie is Director of Arrangements at The Communications Satellite Corporation.

Mrs. Kinzie has a large stock of books, both paperbacks and hardbacks in all categories. Trying to build a selection of books on the Civil War, they are interested in books of this kind.

Mrs. Kinzie is the great-great granddaughter of Wilmer McLean who lived on a farm near Holiday Lake in the State Park.

Always she is well pleased with the interest and support shown in the book store.

Farmville

Among guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Martin were Mrs. Carter Martin, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Ray Martin.

Visiting Mrs. Roland Martin from the Navy who will continue

Mrs. Jimmy Martin and Kathy are this week at Myrtle Beach.

Our sympathy is with the family and friends of Mrs. Wilson who passed away.

Mrs. Buster Lucado, at home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Sunday

Mrs. Herbert spent several days visiting at Smith Mountain. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Michael for a picnic lunch

Everybody was saddened at the death of Mr. Harry Wright. Our sympathy is extended the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Martin had as their supper guests Monday night their grandsons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitten and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Whitten, Danny, Jr. and Tammy, of Baltimore, Md.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. B. C. Rogers were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers, Sr. and Mrs. Grace Harper of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rogers, of Winchester, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Danny Rogers, Lisa, Chucky and Sandy, Mr. Elbert Rogers and J. C. Rogers, of Appomattox. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Rogers.

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